



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1775
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Kouji UEDA, et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

18. (Amended) A machined retainer, of a rolling bearing, said retainer being formed by a producing method comprising:

reducing Pb from a base material comprising a free-cutting brass that contains Pb in the range of 0.5-3.0 wt%, wherein the amount of Pb is reduced to an amount in the range of from greater than 0 wt% to 0.4 wt% or lower,

casting the base material, from which the Pb has been reduced, while adding any two or more components selected from the group consisting of Si, Mn, Fe, Nb, Ti, and Co,

cooling, after the casting, in such a manner that intermetallic compounds including the added components are crystallized, and scattered into the base material.